

# To The Bridport Rural District Council.

Gentlemen

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year 1899.

Area of District 30,899 Acres  
Population (census 1891) 7955. Ditto (estimated to middle of 1899) 7800.

Births registered. 173. Equal to a rate of 22.1 per 1000.  
Deaths registered. 99. Equal to a rate of 12.6 per 1000

Out of the total number of deaths 45 were over 65 years of age.

A death registered from Typhoid was a that of a woman aged 81 years.

~~The death registered as~~  
A death registered as in the returns from the Registrar which was unclassified was put down as Diphtheria and Convulsions a child 10 months old - so I consider the Zymotic Death Rate nil.

~~The Infant Mortality 115.6 per 1000 Births registered~~  
Infant Mortality - The number of deaths under one year of age was 20, giving a rate of 115.6 per 1000.







# Prevalence of Disease, ~~Notification~~ -

Notifications: — Scarletina 10.  
Diphtheria 1.  
Erysipelas 10.

The cases of Scarletina notified occurred in the following <sup>Parishes</sup> ~~district~~


Wotton Fitzpaine	January 9th.
Boston Bradstock	March 13th.
Chilcombe	April 30th.
Little Cheney	May 3rd.
"	June 22nd.
"	June 30th.
"	July 17th.
Symondsburg	October 3rd.
Witchurch	November 3rd.
"	December 26th.

The cases were of a mild type.

The case of Diphtheria occurred at Botherhampton on October 28th. As the child attended the Bridport National School up to the date of his attack it was probably contracted in the Urban District.

The cases of Erysipelas require no comment.





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## Water Supply.

~~A good water supply~~

- (2) A good supply of water has been obtained for the village of Charnmouth and the Leegumy works are completed and are in working order.

In the village of Buxton Bradstock several fresh connections have been made with the Bridport Company's mains. All new buildings in the District have been visited, and unless the water was obviously above suspicion an analysis has been taken before a Certificate was granted.

- (1) Analysis of water has been taken in 9 cases - in 4 it proved unfit for dietetic purposes and the wells were ordered to be closed and a fresh supply obtained.

## Sewerage and drainage, Excrement Disposal -

The Sanitary Authority have obtained permission to drain the Bradstock Road and St Andrews Well premises into the Urban District Sewerage Scheme to do so is contemplated and a Government Loan has been applied for -

~~Although no special drainage or sewerage system~~

The houses at the Red Turfpike in the West Road have been drained into the sewer in the main Road -

~~Although no special system of drainage or sewerage~~  
has been carried out in the District during the year.

Considerable ~~a lot of~~ sanitary work as regards House drains - Privies  
amount of useful removal of nuisances etc has been done in the summer  
of sanitary work.







# Isolation Hospital Means for Disinfection etc.

There is no Isolation Hospital for the District.  
Disinfection has been carried out under the supervision of the  
Sanitary Inspector by means of Sulphur fumigation, also  
by washing the floors, walls, and furniture, with Cono-  
sublimat. Washable articles disinfected by boiling water  
Unwashable materials soaked in a solution of Cono-  
sublimat. When necessary the Bed Bedding etc. is burnt  
and the Authority replace the lost. Disinfectants are supplied  
by the Authority. The children in the infected houses are kept  
from attending schools or mixing with other children.  
The necessary Sanitary Instructions are given to the responsible  
persons to prevent the spread of infection and when ready  
the rooms are disinfected and lime-washed under the supervision  
of the Sanitary Inspector.

The Housing of the Working Classes - Slaughter-houses  
and Bake-houses are dealt with in the House to House  
Surveys. There are no registered Common Lodging Houses  
in the District.

In company with your Sanitary Inspector I am making  
a house to house survey of the District and reporting to  
you monthly. Notice to remedy Sanitary defects has  
been served on the responsible persons, a great number have  
already been remedied and others are receiving attention.  
There are no offensive processes of trade carried on in the district  
and there has not been called upon to examine any animal or  
article of diet that is diseased, unwholesome, or unfit for the  
food of man. Your Inspector has faithfully brought to my notice  
all matters requiring my intervention and has helped me in  
my inspections. Accompanying this Report is a summary of  
Sanitary Work and tabular statements of the sickness and  
mortality during the year. I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant  
Medical Officer of Health



